

H.R. 5715. An act to ensure continued availability of access to the Federal student loan program for students and families.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed during the session of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) on May 6, 2008.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Minority Leader appoints Mr. Jeffrey W. Thomas of Ohio to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2972. A bill to reauthorize and modernize the Federal Aviation Administration.

S. 2973. A bill to promote the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6058. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8357-3) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6059. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyridalyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8361-4) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6060. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spirodiclofen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8362-2) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6061. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a quarterly report entitled "Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6062. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6063. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting legislative proposals that the Department encourages Congress to adopt as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2009; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6064. A communication from the Secretary, Division of Investment Management,

Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Divestment by Registered Investment Companies in Accordance with the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007" (RIN3235-AK05) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6065. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a draft bill intended to eliminate the four-year limitation on contracts for the manufacture of distinctive paper for U.S. currency and securities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6066. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to authorization for the National Transportation Safety Board; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6067. A communication from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Potential Sonoran Desert Bald Eagle Distinct Population Segment As Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act" (RIN1018-AW12) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6068. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Georgia: Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 8560-3) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6069. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama: Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review" (FRL No. 8560-2) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6070. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Deadline for Action on Section 126 Petition From Warrick County, Indiana, and the Town of Newburgh, Indiana" (FRL No. 8559-9) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6071. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Disposal Restrictions: Site-Specific Treatment Variance for P and U-Listed Hazardous Mixed Wastes Treated by Vacuum Thermal Desorption at the Energy Solutions' Facility in Clive, Utah" (FRL No. 8560-1) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6072. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; West Virginia: Transportation Conformity Requirement" (FRL No. 8561-2) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6073. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Petroleum Refineries" (RIN2060-AN72) (FRL No. 8563-

2)) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6074. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Interstate Transport of Pollution" (FRL No. 8562-9) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6075. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revised PM2.5 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets; State of New Jersey" (FRL No. 8562-1) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6076. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change of Address for Submission of Certain Reports; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 8563-1) received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6077. A communication from the Acting Chief, Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Import Restrictions Imposed on Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Iraq" (RIN1505-AB91) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6078. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report entitled, "Country Reports on Terrorism 2007"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6079. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a letter detailing the creation of an Accountability Review Board relative to an attack that occurred in Khartoum, Sudan, on January 1, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6080. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Human Capital Management in Agencies" (RIN3206-AJ92) received on April 29, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6081. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, Potomac Electric Power Company, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Company's Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6082. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled, "Grade Retention Modification Act of 2008"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6083. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 17-360, "Compliance Unit Establishment Act of 2008" received on May 1, 2008; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6084. A communication from the President and Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, transmitting, pursuant to law, the organization's 2007 annual report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6085. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Certification Requirements for Imported Natural Wine" (RIN1513-AB00) received on April 30, 2008; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6086. A communication from the Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines that were proposed by the Commission during the 2007-2008 amendment cycle; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6087. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on applications made by the Government for authority to conduct electronic surveillance and physical searches during calendar year 2007; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6088. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting draft legislation intended to expand and enhance veterans' benefits; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 2976. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative to pursue a complaint of anticompetitive practices against certain oil exporting countries; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 2977. A bill to create a Federal cause of action to determine whether defamation exists under United States law in cases in which defamation actions have been brought in foreign courts against United States persons on the basis of publications or speech in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2978. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to make technical corrections to the definition of willful noncompliance with respect to violations involving the printing of an expiration date on certain credit and debit card receipts before the date of the enactment of this Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 2979. A bill to exempt the African National Congress from treatment as a terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 2980. A bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to improve access to high quality early learning and child care for low income children and working families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 2981. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide a one-year period of protection against mortgage foreclosures for certain disabled or severely injured servicemembers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 2982. A bill to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropria-

tions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2983. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to prevent and cure diabetes and to promote and improve the care of individuals with diabetes for the reduction of health disparities within racial and ethnic minority groups, including the African-American, Hispanic American, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and American Indian and Alaskan Native communities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. AKAKA (by request):

S. 2984. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance veterans' benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. Res. 551. A resolution celebrating 75 years of successful State-based alcohol regulation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. Res. 552. A resolution recognizing the 150th anniversary of the State of Minnesota; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI):

S. Res. 553. A resolution congratulating Charles County, Maryland, on the occasion of its 350th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. Con. Res. 79. A concurrent resolution congratulating and saluting Focus: HOPE on its 40th anniversary and for its remarkable commitment and contributions to Detroit, the State of Michigan, and the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 403

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 403, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that reimbursements for costs of using passenger automobiles for charitable and other organizations are excluded from gross income, and for other purposes.

S. 584

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 584, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rehabilitation credit and the low-income housing credit.

S. 627

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 627, a bill to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to improve the health and well-being of maltreated infants and toddlers through the creation of a National Court Teams Resource Center, to assist local Court Teams, and for other purposes.

S. 661

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 718

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 718, a bill to optimize the delivery of critical care medicine and expand the critical care workforce.

S. 749

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 749, a bill to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 879

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 879, a bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

S. 903

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) were added as cosponsors of S. 903, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his